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b) as oxidant, a combination of zinc peroxide, potassium perchlorate and at least one nitrate.

10. (Three times amended) Gas-producing composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further contains a combustion moderator in an amount up to 8%.

X2

11. (Three times amended) Gas-producing composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition further contains a combustion moderator selected from the group consisting of metals, metal oxides, metal carbonates, metal sulphides and mixtures thereof.

Please add the following new Claim 31:

X3
--31. The gas-producing composition of Claim 1, wherein the nitrate is sodium nitrate or strontium nitrate.--
